

ESTABLISHED 1861

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1912.

PRICE TWO CENTS

COAL MINERS ARE PENNED IN MINE AFIRE

Mine is Wrecked by An Explosion of Gas on the Ninth Level.

BODY IS TAKEN OUT
Eighty-Five Men Inside Will Probably Not Get Out Alive.

FT. SMITH, Ark., Mar. 20.—Mine, No. 2, of the San Bois Coal Company at McCurtain, Okla., was wrecked today by an explosion of gas on the ninth level and it is on fire.

One body has been recovered, but experienced miners believe that none of the eighty-five men employed will escape alive.

MURDER TRIAL

Is On in the Criminal Court of the County of Harrison Today.

James Vassie was placed on trial in the criminal court Wednesday, charged with the murder of Dominick Fraietta at Kelley Hill the latter part of December last.

V. S. Lynch was found guilty of digging up Northview streets for gas line purposes without permission. A motion for a new trial will be argued Saturday. He gave bond of \$100.

ELK

Are Brought from Illinois to Viquesney's State Game Preserve.

MARLINTON, Mar. 20.—Warren R. Leach, proprietor of the Elkhorn Park at Rushville, Ill., has arrived here with a car load of fifteen elk consigned to the Allegheny Sportsmen's Association. J. A. Viquesney, state game warden, and his two deputies, W. B. Rector and H. M. Lockbridge, took the shipment to the state game preserve at Minnehaha Springs at the foot of the Allegheny mountains, where they are to be raised and bred. A herd of buffalo has been purchased by the state for the park and will arrive soon.

GRAVE

Is the Present Situation in the Soft Coal Fields in Several States.

CLEVELAND, O., Mar. 20.—With both sides declaring their intention not to yield, operators and miners of the bituminous coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois conferred today on a wage agreement in the hope of averting a strike. A difference of twenty cents a ton is the principal grievance and President H. M. Taylor, of the Illinois Coal Association, admitted that the situation was grave.

President White said that the miners had come to the meeting in a friendly spirit but that they intended to adhere to their demands. Miners and operators were a unit in declaring that there would be a suspension of work for at least two weeks.

DRUMMOND

Child Buried in the Elkview Cemetery Wednesday Afternoon.

The funeral of Charles Drummond, the two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Drummond, of Gypsy, who died Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock after a short illness of stomach trouble, was held at the home at Gypsy Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the burial followed in the Elkview cemetery here at 3 o'clock.

MEXICAN TROUBLE CURTAILING TRADE

Great Falling Off with This Country on Account of the War There.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20.—Trade of the United States with Mexico is showing the effect of the disturbed business conditions in that country. This is especially true with reference to exports which show a much greater decline than imports. Exports to Mexico during the last year show a fall of about twenty per cent when compared with immediately preceding year, while imports show also a slight decline but less than that of exports. The total value of exports to Mexico during the twelve months ending with January, 1912, the latest figures of the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Commerce and Labor, is \$52,271,937, against \$64,671,659 in the corresponding months of the immediately preceding year, a decline of about twelve million dollars, or an average falling off of a little more than a million dollars a month during this period. Imports from Mexico during the same period amounted to \$59,227,516, against \$59,981,890 during the corresponding period of the preceding year, being less than one million dollars decrease.

This falling off of twelve million dollars in the exports to Mexico in the twelve months ending with January, 1912, becomes even more apparent when contrasted with the trade of other parts of the world. Exports to South America, for example, show an increase of twenty-five per cent in the seven months ending January, 1912, when compared with the corresponding months of the preceding year; those

to Cuba and the other West Indies, a slight increase; while to Mexico, the exports during the seven months ending with January, 1912, increased nearly twenty-five per cent, and during the year, as indicated above, about twenty five per cent. In every month since April, 1911, the value of merchandise exported to Mexico has been less than that of the corresponding month of the preceding year. April, 1911, having been in fact the only one of the last twelve months which did not show a decline in exports to Mexico when compared with the corresponding month of the preceding year.

CASSIE CHADWICK

Recalled by the Death of a National Bank Examiner in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—Robert Lyons, national bank examiner who served as receiver for the Citizens National Bank of Berlin, wrecked by the late Cassie Chadwick, died here today. He was born in Cambridge, O., and at the time of his death he was receiver of the Cosmopolitan National and Allegheny National Banks of Pittsburgh.

KNOX IS PROBED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20.—The House committee on state department expenditures is investigating statements that Secretary Knox uses as a private servant, Archibald Sinkert, a negro, carried on the state department payroll.

SNOW STORM NOW WORST OF WINTER

SITES

Are Inspected by Men Representing Big Bottle Making Concern.

Representatives of the Owens Eastern Bottle Company, a newly chartered concern with a large capitalization, inspected several sites Wednesday for a large bottle factory the company will locate here and operate.

H. V. D. King, secretary of the board of trade, and others showed them Judge Judge Goff's Oak Mound farm, the Southern farm, a site north of the Travis Glass Company's factory and the Stout farm near Northview.

The visitors are Mike Owens, of Toledo, inventor of the machine used in the manufacture of bottles; Mr. Shoemaker of the Cumberland Glass Company, of Brighton, N. J.; George W. Yost of the Bellaire Bottle Company, of Bellaire, O.; and James Morrison of the Fidelity Glass Company, of Tarentum, Pa.

MINERS KILLED

And Another Man Fatally Wounded in Fight with Non-Unionists.

BERLIN, Mar. 20.—The strike in the West Phalan district was marked last night by the killing of two miners when non-unionists were attacked by strikers at Hagan. Another man was fatally wounded. Miners in Silesia are leaving the pits and increasing in numbers.

REFORM SCHOOL CANDIDATE.

Melvin Slaughter, a negro lad, is in jail awaiting a hearing this evening in Justice G. H. Gordon's court on a charge of incorrigibility. Edward Smith, his guardian, seeks to have him committed to the state reform school for boys.

BODIES ARRIVE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—The cruiser, Birmingham, bearing the remains of the victims of the battleship, Maine, arrived here today. The bodies will be kept at the navy yard until Saturday when they will be buried with honors.

GREAT MAP OF A SECTION OF THE STATE

Is Now Being Prepared by the Geological Survey of the United States.

VALUE TO BE GREAT
To Persons and Concerns Interested in State's Mineral Development.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—To the great geologic map of the United States which is being constructed by the United States Geological Survey two more sections have been added—the maps of the areas known as the Pawpaw and Hancock quadrangles, embracing parts of eastern West Virginia, western Maryland, and southern Pennsylvania, and covering 450 square miles. The completion of this huge map is a long way in the future, for such surveys represent a most detailed examination of every rock stratum and mineral resource, acre by acre. Such a survey is of course of the utmost value in pointing a way to the development of any useful minerals already known and may reveal some that were unknown before the survey; it also prevents much useless exploration and search after minerals which it demonstrates can not be expected to be found. The Pawpaw and Hancock quadrangles were surveyed in co-operation with the State Geological and Economic Survey of Maryland, by George W. Sloos of the Federal Survey and C. K. Swartz and others of the Maryland Survey.

Quite important. The area surveyed is situated in what is known as the Appalachian province, which attains its greatest altitude in North Carolina, where the mountains rise to a height of more than 6,000 feet. The Pawpaw-Hancock region, though not highly mineralized, nevertheless embraces some mineral resources and is of importance geologically in being, as it were, at the edge of other areas rich in useful minerals. Thus it contains coal-beds of somewhat doubtful value, which as they extend into adjacent areas become more bulky and are workable. The same is true of the iron ores. Building stone is quarried to a considerable extent and is represented in most of the rock formations in the area, especially the sandstone. Limestone is extensively quarried and it is stated, can be further developed at small cost.

Waterpower Resources. The area is drained by the Potomac river, which cuts across its center in a deep, winding gorge, and has a great number of tributaries. Many of the larger streams and their tributaries are available for the development of water power. An interesting point in the Hancock quadrangle is Berkeley Springs, W. Va., where numerous springs of warm water issue from vents in the rocks. Winter and summer this water remains at a temperature of about seventy-three degrees. The springs are historic, their use as a health resort dating back to Washington's time. Washington, Lord Fairfax, and other noted men of the early days had cottages there. The water from the springs comes up from the sandstone at a depth of more than 1,500 feet, so that they are in reality artesian springs. Their combined flow has been estimated at 1,560 gallons a minute.

Other mineral resources are a quartz sandstone of good quality which is suitable for glass sand and is mined to a considerable extent, building and railroad sand, sand and rock suitable for cement manufacture, and brick clay.

Folios of Educational Value. The Pawpaw-Hancock folio is one of several describing the quadrangles that lie between the Allegheny Plateau and the sea along the northern border of Maryland, to be published by the United States Geological Survey in co-operation with the State Geological and Economic Survey of Maryland. These folios will form an educational series to illustrate the geology of the middle Atlantic slope. One folio of this series has already been published—the Accident-Grantsville folio. This folio as well as the Pawpaw-Hancock folio

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MOTHER ASKS FOR HER TWO CHILDREN

Habeas Corpus Writ is Issued in Case by Judge Maxwell.

Judge Raymond Maxwell in the criminal court Wednesday directed a writ of habeas corpus against Boyd, Benjamin and Rocky Anderson, of Shilmon, upon application of Rhoda Anderson, who complained that her two children, Rachel and Thelma, aged eight and six years, respectively, were being illegally detained at the home of Benjamin Anderson. The court ordered that the children be brought into court at 1:30 o'clock the afternoon of March 25.

Rhoda Anderson avers in her bill that December 17, 1910, she instituted a divorce suit in the superior court of Madison county, Ind., against Boyd Anderson and that that court directed that the two children be brought into court January 2, 1911. This was not done. Instead the father kidnapped them while they were at school and brought them to West Virginia. The Indiana court granted Mrs. Anderson a divorce, and gave her the custody of the two children. They were again ordered brought into court February 18, 1911, but the order was not complied with.

Mrs. Anderson states in her bill that she is unable to care for the children and that she fears to go near them. She also states that their father married another woman after the divorce was granted. She seeks before Judge Maxwell to have the order of the Indiana court complied with.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, March 20.—May wheat closed 101 3/4; corn 71 5/8; oats 53 3/8.

DENSE FOG KEEPS TAFT IN NEW YORK

Railroad Officials Fear to Send His Car Around By Ferry.

NEW YORK, Mar. 20.—President Taft found himself a visitor in New York today instead of being in Washington as he expected. He came in last night on a Boston express train but the railroad officials feared to send his car around the city by ferry because of fog and it was sidetracked in the yards. The president breakfasted, called on his brother and left for Washington at 10 o'clock.

SHERIFF

And Posse Go in Pursuit of Five Train Bandits Down South.

CORINTH, Miss., Mar. 20.—Sheriff McPeters and posse left here today in pursuit of five bandits who last night held up and robbed a north-bound Mobile and Ohio train seven miles south of Corinth.

NINE KILLED

By a Gas Explosion Caused by the Settling of a Coal Mine.

SCRANTON, Pa., Mar. 20.—Mrs. John Cavello, her five children, Mrs. Vita Summa, and her two children were killed here today by a gas explosion, thought to have been caused by a mine's settling.

FUNERAL

Of Mrs. Lafayette Ferrell Will Be Held Thursday Morning.

The funeral of Mrs. Lafayette Ferrell, of Industrial, who died at her home there Monday night will be held in the Baptist church there Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock instead of 2:30 this afternoon at the home. The Rev. H. R. Hess will lead the services. The burial will follow in the Masonic cemetery.

RAILROADER DEAD.

KINGWOOD, March 20.—Herbert V. Smiley, a former widely known railroad employee, is dead at his home here after an illness.

OFFICER

Of Grand Commander of Knights Templar Will Inspect Local Branch.

Right Eminent Henry F. Smith, of Fairmont, grand generalissimo of the grand commandery of Knights Templar of West Virginia will pay an official visit to Clarksburg Commandery No. 13 tonight for the purpose of inspecting it. The commandery will meet in special convocation, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, in the Masonic hall, and will confer the order of the temple on two candidates. A social session including a banquet will follow the business session.

NEW NOTARIES

In West Virginia as Just Commissioned by the Governor.

CHARLESTON, Mar. 20.—Notary commissions have been issued to the following persons: Edward A. Osborn, of Blue Creek, Kanawha county; Robert M. Ray, of Evenwood, Randolph county; George E. White, of Weston, Lewis county; George C. Curtis, of Wellsburg, Brooke county; Ralph M. Hefner, of Clarksburg, Harrison county; C. O. Dunn, of Beckley, Raleigh county; C. G. Teter, of Riverton, Pendleton county; and B. A. Robinson, of Charleston, Kanawha county.

DECISION

Is Handed Down by Each of the Supreme Judges of the State.

CHARLESTON, Mar. 20.—Each member of the supreme court of appeals handed down an opinion Tuesday morning. Being the last day of the argument term the court was crowded with attorneys to make oral arguments in cases they decided disposed of at an early date. The cases decided were:

By President Brannon: Scott and Calaway vs. Dixie Insurance Company, from Fayette county. Affirmed.

By Judge Poffenberger: First National Bank of Grafton, vs. Daner, from Taylor county. Reversed in part and affirmed in part.

By Judge Miller: Chapman vs. Chapman, from Mason county. Reversed and decree entered here.

By Judge Robinson: Kendall vs. Phares, from Randolph county. Affirmed.

By Judge Williams: Cartwright vs. Cartwright, from Marion county. Reversed and remanded.

A writ of error was refused in the case of Anderson, administrator, vs. Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, which came up from the circuit court of Kanawha county, and a mandamus was granted in the case of the Board of Education vs. Holroyd, from the circuit court of Mercer county.

WESTON PLANT

Signs New Scale and Work Will Continue.

The Crescent Window Glass Company, of Weston, employing more than four hundred men signed the new scale Wednesday morning after holding off for a week. It was thought by all the employees that the plant would close today but when the company signed the scale today is guaranteed steady work for the remainder of the blast.

MORE TAFT DELEGATES.

HARRISONBURG, Va., March 20.—John Paul and R. J. Walker, the seventh district delegates to the Republican national convention, yesterday were instructed to vote for Taft.

NATION WILL STOP WASTE OF GAS SOON

Oil Experts of Federal Bureau of Mines Outline the Plan.

UTILITY OF WET GAS
Steel Containers Are to Be Used for Conveying Liquefied Gas.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20.—The waste of millions of dollars worth of gas which is going on each year in the petroleum fields of the country may be stopped in the near future by a plan made public today by the Federal Bureau of Mines. Briefly, the plan as outlined by oil experts of the bureau is to take the so-called "wet gas" found in all parts of the oil fields and obtain from it a liquefied gas that can be used for illuminating purposes. This liquefied gas, which is a by-product of the natural gas, is held under high pressure in steel containers and can be shipped to localities that do not have a gas system. In this way, small towns, hotels and country estates may have the advantage of gas illumination at a fair cost. This gas, it is thought, will also prove an excellent illuminant for lighthouses and lightships and other public works of a similar nature that must be located at a distance from a commercial supply of gas.

Irving C. Allen, the oil expert, in discussing this by-product of natural gas says: "The possibility of handling this liquefied gas in the way that Pintsch and Blue gases are handled opens a new field of comparatively great importance in the natural gas industry and should add materially to the investments made in the so-called 'natural gasoline' industry."

"There is no difficulty nor secrecy in the production and use of the liquefied natural gas product. The third or fourth stage compressor product must, however, be treated as liquefied gas, and no attempt to use this product of natural gas as equal in quality to any of the similar manufactured gases; it is very clean and pure and can be handled in the same way as they are. The containers can be easily supported and the turning of their valves makes a supply of gas available. The highest economy in its use for illuminating purposes will be attained with inverted burners provided with mantels, burners of this type being especially adapted for gases of high heating value."

Dr. I. C. White, state geologist of West Virginia, in referring to the waste of natural gas in the United States said recently: "At this very minute, natural gas, the purest form of fuel, ideal in every respect, self-transporting, is passing into the air from uncontrolled gas wells, from oil wells, from giant flambes, from leaking pipe lines, and many other methods of waste at not less than one billion cubic feet daily and probably much more. The record of waste of this best and purest fuel is a national disgrace. The heating value of a billion cubic feet of natural gas is equivalent to that of one million bushels of coal. There can be no doubt that for every barrel of oil taken from the earth there have been wasted more than ten times its equivalent in heating power, or weight, of this best of all fuels; and that much more than half of this frightful waste could have been avoided by proper and slight additional expenditures in oil production."

TWO PAY FINES

In Police Court While Three Old-Timers Are Remanded to Jail.

A man and a woman, both of whom gave fictitious names, paid fines of \$5 and costs each today in police headquarters following their conviction this morning at the usual sitting of police court of street drunkenness. Mayor Frank R. Moore presided. James Baker, Thomas Williams and James Nay, all former police court visitors, were convicted of street drunkenness and fined \$5 and costs each. In default of payment they were remanded to jail until evening.